

**WASHINGTON STATE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
BOARD OF MASSAGE
CONFERENCE CALL MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday January 17, 2006
7:30 a.m.

On January 17, 2006, the Board of Massage met by telephone. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notices were sent to individuals requesting notification of meetings.

MEMBERS PRESENT

ROSEMARY FOSTER, CHAIR
KARIN OLSEN, VICE-CHAIR
JOHN PIETY, PUBLIC MEMBER
SCOTT MILLER

STAFF PRESENT

KRIS WAIDELY, HEALTH SERVICES CONSULTANT 3
JENNIFER BRESSI, HEALTH SERVICES CONSULTANT 1

GUESTS PRESENT

Barbara Sterritt
Ann Brittain
Ann Surran, Port Townsend School of Massage
Terry Zmrhal, Brian Utting Massage School

Tuesday January 17, 2006 OPEN SESSION

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Ms. Foster, Chair called the meeting to order at 7:50 a.m. Introductions of the guests were done.
 - 1.1 Approval of Agenda – The agenda was approved as presented.
 - 1.2 Approval of meeting minutes from November 6, 2005 – The November 6, 2005 minutes were approved as presented.
2. **FEDERATION OF STATE MASSAGE THERAPY BOARDS (FSMTB) ANNUAL MEETING** – The Board voted for which board member will attend the FSMTB 2006 Annual Meeting in Excelsior Springs, Missouri September 22-23, 2006. Scott Miller will attend representing the Board. Kris Waidely or Joy King will attend representing Department of Health. Ms. Waidely has submitted the documentation to become a member of FSMTB. Annual dues are \$2800.00 which includes the travel cost of one board member to attend the annual meeting.

3. **NATIONAL CERTIFICATION BOARD FOR THERAPEUTIC MASSAGE & BODYWORK (NCTMB)** – Ms. Waidely informed the Board that licensure applicants have been complaining about the service they received from the NCTMB, unusual application time periods, lost transcripts, and unfriendly service. Ms. Waidely spoke with John Page, NCTMB Director and expressed our concerns with the number of complaints being received. Mr. Page assured Ms. Waidely that changes with staff and procedures will eliminate these complaints. As of January 1st, no complaints have been received. Department staff have been instructed to ask applicants that do have complaints to put their concerns in writing to NCTMB and cc the Board.
4. **PROGRAM REPORT** – Information provided to the Board by the Program Manager.
 - Legislative Update – Ms. Waidely informed the Board that a bill for animal massage is expected this session. Ann Brittain indicated that this bill may go forward through Department of Licensing not Department of Health. HPQA management has created a Tuesday “Meet Me Call” where a representative will call in on designated Tuesday mornings to hear and discuss legislative bills that effect all 57 health profession. Profession specific bills will not be discussed during this call.
 - Budget Update – Ms. Waidely explained that the budget allotment for travel would be overspent by the end of the biennium if the Board continues with the current schedule. The Board agreed that it was important for them to have a meeting during the annual American Massage Therapy Association, Washington in Ocean Shores this year. Other meetings will be rescheduled for conference calls to accommodate the travel expense to Ocean shores. Ms. Bressi will provide a new budget estimate and meeting schedule to the Board.
 - Other - none
5. **JURISDICTION AND SCHOOL PROGRAM REVIEWS** – Reviewing board members presented jurisdiction and program approval requests for the full board’s consideration and action.
APPLICATION REVIEWS:
 - Arizona – Jurisdiction, deficiency letter, need more information
 - Bryman College (Port Orchard), conditionally approval, deficiency letter
 - Cambridge College (Beaverton, Oregon), program approved
 - Colorado Institute of Massage Therapy, program re-approved
 - Hawaii Healing Arts College, 2002 through present programs approved
 - The Institute of Structural Medicine, deficiency letter
 - Lower Valley School of Massage, deficiency letter
 - Massage Therapy Training Institute, program approved
 - Sakie International Massage Therapy Institute, will be re-reviewed at the next meeting

The Board retroactively approved all school programs previously approved by the board during closed sessions.

6. OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC INPUT - Any member of the public may address the Board with questions or concerns regarding any of the agenda items.

- Ann Brittain asked if the Board needed the state association to complete anything regarding continuing education. She was unclear of the CE discussion that took place at the November meeting. The Board explained that the board would not be rewriting or repealing WAC 246-830-475. The association could take legislation forward to update the RCW regarding continuing education. No specific request was made of the association.
- Barbara Sterritt expressed the importance of keeping continuing education as a licensure requirement.
- Ann Surran agreed to keep continuing education but rewrite more in line with NCTMB. The Board indicated they would not be rewriting the rule until the RCW is changed to allow the authority to change it.
- Barbara Sterritt asked what conditional approval means to a school. Ms. Foster explained it gives the school the ability to start their program but students cannot qualify for licensure until final approval is given to the program.

7. ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Jennifer Bressi
Health Services Consultant 1

Rosemary Foster, Chair
Board of Massage